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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE

1. FYI FOLLOWING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE SENT BY PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING TO PRESIDENT FORD ON THE OCCASION OF OUR BICENTENNIAL.

BEGIN TEXT: "THE HONORABLE GERALD FORD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WASHINGTON DC. IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO ADDRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF UNITED STATES INDEPENDENCE MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS, AND TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE FRENCH PEOPLE JOIN WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN THIS CELEBRATION. I SEND MY VERY SINCERE WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND FOR A HAPPY FUTURE FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHO ARE JOINED TO FRANCE BY SO MANY BONDS AND COMMON MEMORIES.

I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO REPEAT HOW MUCH MADAME VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING AND I APPRECIATED THE VERY WARM WELCOME THAT YOU ACCORDED US DURING OUR RECENT OFFICIAL TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING". END TEXT

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2. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT GISCARD

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D'ESTAING.

BEGIN TEXT: "ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY, AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD". END TEXT.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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